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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 259X) Tennessee Railway Company–
Abandonment Exemption – Between Oneida, Tennessee and
Nicks Creek, Tennessee;
Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 260X), Tennessee Railway Company –
Abandonment Exemption – In Anderson and Campbell Counties, Tennessee

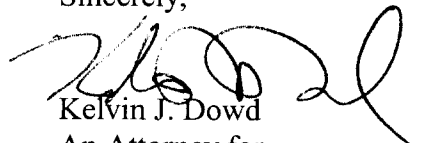
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is made to our letter dated February 28, 2006, regarding acquisition of the subject lines by NC Railroad, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Coal Corporation ("NCC"), from Tennessee Railway Company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10904. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152.27(i)(1)(i), the purpose of this letter is to confirm that NCC guarantees the financial responsibility of its subsidiary, NC Railroad, Inc.

Ten copies accompany the original of this communication. All parties of record are being served. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


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An Attorney for
National Coal Corporation

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cc: James Paschall, Esq. (via telefax)
Parties of Record